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## WRDA Passage On Hold Until November; Time Runs Out Before Congress Adjourns, Conferees Committed Toward Completing WRDA Bill In November

**Washington, D.C. - The top U.S. House and Senate negotiators on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation today issued a joint statement highlighting their commitment toward passing a comprehensive bipartisan bill when Congress returns in November.**

With time running out before Congress adjourns this week and with a few remaining issues unresolved, the conferees said they will return in November ready to pass WRDA .

“We made a great deal of progress and there was a lot of good faith compromise and negotiation involved,” said **U.S. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska), the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.** “We just ran out of time. But we’re all committed to completing a comprehensive WRDA bill when we return after the November elections. In the meantime, we’ve instructed our staffs to continue to meet throughout the recess to address many of the unresolved issues.”

“It is better to do a conference bill well, than to do it quickly,” said **U.S. Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN), the Chairman of the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.** “This bill will authorize projects that are investments in America. These are navigation projects that keep our ports and waterways open to commercial traffic, flood damage reduction projects that protect our homes and businesses, and environmental restoration projects that enhance our quality of life.”

“Despite significant progress made and the hard work by all involved, time simply ran out to pass a bill by the end of September,” said **U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), Chairman of the Environment & Public Works Committee.** “Everyone involved knew we faced a limited time frame and worked tirelessly to pass WRDA before the end of the month, but a few issues just could not be resolved in time. I look forward to returning in November to work with my colleagues to pass WRDA as soon as possible. A WRDA bill is long overdue and I have every intention of completing the bill this year.”

“Both members and staff on the conference committee have worked very hard to accomplish a difficult task,” said **U.S. Sen. Kit Bond (R-M), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure**. “We have made tremendous progress, we just need a little more time. During the October recess we will continue to work towards completion and I hope to get this much needed and long overdue bill passed in November.”

For the first time in six years the House and the Senate have passed WRDA bills in the same Congress. The Water Resources Development Act authorizes civil works projects for the Corps of Engineers. These are navigation projects that keep U.S. ports and waterways open to commercial traffic, flood damage reduction projects that protect homes and businesses, and environmental restoration projects that enhance the quality of life. These projects are located throughout the nation and have a positive economic return to the nation for every dollar invested.

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